

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-11 were pending. Claims 5-8 were allowed and Claims 1-4 and 9-11 were rejected in the Office action. Claims 1-4 and 9-11 have been cancelled without prejudice. New Claims 15-17 have been presented. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 5-8 and 15-17 are pending after entry of this amendment. The Applicants believe that substantive rebuttals to the Examiner's rejections and objections can be made. However, in an effort to expedite the application, the Applicants have introduced Claim 15 which recites, *inter alia*, "at least one of the ground capacitors is comprised of an upper electrode disposed on a surface of a dielectric material, the dielectric material is formed on the ground conducting pattern, and a perimeter of the upper electrode is a polygon with greater than four sides."

Drawing Objections

The drawing were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the claims; in particular "the claim 1 limitation, 'whose perimeter has a non-rectangular shape' must be shown" (Office action, page 2, first paragraph). Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs

Claims 1-4 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as

"containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the invention. The undescribed subject matter of the claimed invention is the limitation 'whose perimeter has a non-rectangular shape'" (Id., page 2, last paragraph).

Claim 1-4 and 9-11 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-4 and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-4 and 9-11 have been cancelled.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 2, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Haq, Arai and Shanani. Claims 1, 2 and 10 have been cancelled.

New Claims

New Claim 15 is an alternative means of specifying, for example, the circuit elements C2 and C7 in Fig. 2. Claim 17 specifically reads on circuit element C2.

Interview Summary

On June 10, 2004 a telephonic interview between Examiner Graybill, and Anthony Curtis and Sid Bennett representing the Applicants was conducted. The topic of the interview was the matter of the "non-rectangular" shape. No agreement was reached.

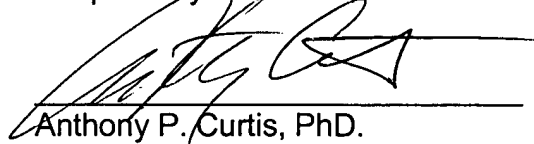
Conclusion

Claims 1-4 and 9-11 have been cancelled. New Claims 15-17 have been introduced. Claims 5-8 and 15-17 are now pending.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are allowable.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

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